

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A computer-implemented method for distributing telecommunication services, the method comprising:

5 storing a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services associated with a plurality of service providers, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with one of the service providers and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering;

 establishing a session for considering the purchase of telecommunication services; inputting a purchase request including information indicating a requested telecommunication service;

 accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service; and *not all
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a response*
 permitting a requester to accept the response during the session.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

terminating the session, such that when the session is terminated the response can no longer be accepted.

20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the response can only be accepted during the session.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

permitting access by service providers to the stored set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services.

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5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

denying access by the service providers to the stored set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services during the session.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

denying access by a service provider, during the session, to at least one response of the stored set of responses to requests for telecommunication services, wherein the response to which access is denied is the same as the response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service.

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7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

permitting each service provider to modify the stored set of responses to requests for telecommunications services to reflect changes in the service provider's telecommunication service offerings.

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8. A telecommunication service providing system, comprising:

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a server having access to a memory containing a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering;

a client, electronically connectable to the server, to establish a session for (i)

inputting a purchase request including information indicating a requested

telecommunication service, (ii) accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests

for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering

capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service, and (iii) providing an

acceptance to the response during the session.

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9. A computer-implemented method for distributing telecommunication services, the method comprising:

storing a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering;

inputting a purchase request including information indicating a requested telecommunication service;

accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service; and

permitting a requester to accept the response.